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JUDGE:

RE: Speaking Invitation  
Cleveland Chapter, Federal Bar Association  
Cleveland, Ohio  
January or February, 1988

President of the Cleveland Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, Patrick McLaughlin, has invited you to address the Association in Cleveland sometime in January or February. The suggested format is 25 minutes of remarks followed by 10 minutes of questions and answers on any topic of your choice. However, the relationship between the rule of law and intelligence gathering in today's world or CIA's role in combatting international terrorism would be of interest. You could expect an audience of approximately 200 which would include Federal Bar members and their guests from the northern Ohio area. You could expect media interest and, if you wished, a press conference or an appearance on a morning TV talk show could be scheduled.

Since you are speaking to the Illinois Bar Association in November and have tentatively accepted speaking invitations with at least two other Bar Associations in 1988, I think that you should decline this invitation. If you agree, attached is a letter of regret.

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Bill Baker

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18 December 1987

The Honorable Patrick M. McLaughlin  
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Northern District of Ohio  
U.S. Department of Justice  
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1404 East Ninth Street  
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Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

Many thanks for your invitation to speak to the Cleveland Chapter of the Federal Bar Association at a mutually convenient time in January or February. As Director of Central Intelligence my schedule is heavily committed, and I must decline the honor. Since this is an event that I would certainly enjoy, I am doubly disappointed.

Congratulations on serving as President of the Cleveland Bar Association. I wish you a most successful term in office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William H. Webster".

William H. Webster  
Director of Central Intelligence